IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraph on pages 37-38, beginning at line 12 of page 37:

Fig. ~~31~~ 32 is a flowchart for explaining the processing of the object number issuance unit 254. As shown in Fig. ~~31~~ 32, the object number issuance unit 254 stands by until it receives command data relating to the issuance request of object numbers from the host device 2 (STEP 3101). Upon receiving the command data, the object number issuance unit 254 issues a prescribed number of object numbers with the upper limit being the number which it can simultaneously manage (STEP 3102), and outputs this to the host device 2 (STEP 3103). The object number issuance unit 254 judges whether the requested number of object numbers has been issued (STEP 3104), and when the judgment is no, it stands by until the object numbers are released (STEP 3105). The object number issuance unit 254 proceeds to STEP 3102 after the object numbers are released in order to issue new object numbers for those which have been released. In other words, for example, if it is possible to simultaneously manage 20 object numbers and it receives an issuance request for 30 object numbers from the host device 2, the object number issuance unit 254 issues 20 object numbers and replies to the host device 2. Thereafter, with respect to the remaining 10 object numbers, the object number issuance unit 254 issues a new object number for each release of an issued object number and replies to the host device 2.

Please amend the following two paragraphs on pages 38-40, beginning with the fourth line from the bottom of page 38:

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Fig. 26 is a block diagram showing the functional structure of the print processor 46 246. In Fig. 26, the object requesting unit 261 prepares command data prepares command data ([d:dreq] command) relating to the data request in order to request print object data to the host device 2, and outputs this to the communication I/F unit 241. The object requesting unit 261 specifies print objects in accordance with the print setting information stored in the print setting information storage unit 45 245, and requests data for each print object. Here, the object requesting unit 261 designates the length (bytes) of data to be requested. That is, the object requesting unit 61 specifies in a raster order the print objects arranged in the print page area in accordance with the prepared print setting information, determines the data length to be requested in accordance with the usage condition of the buffer provided to such print object, and makes a request to the host device 2 using the object number of such print object.

The data processor 262 processes command data ([d:dsnd]) relating to data transmission. In other words, the data processor 262 makes the data processing module 263 process the print object data contained in the command data relating to data transmission sent from the host device 2 in response to the command data relating to the data request in accordance with the print setting information storage unit 45 245. Then, the data processor 262 outputs to the image memory 264 the final bit map data obtained in a raster format. Thereby, obtained is prescribed band area worth of bit map data in which the print object is developed in the object developmental area set to the page printing area. Therefore, when the automatic arrangement of print objects is designated, print objects will be developed in the object developmental area of prescribed partial areas formed by dividing the page printing area.

Please amend the following paragraph beginning with the final line of page 47:

Fig. ~~31~~ 33 is a timing object chart for explaining the data transmission processing

of the print system according to the present embodiment.

Please amend the following paragraph beginning with the second line from the bottom of

page 30:

(14) [o:rles] [d:dreq] data request (Fig. 21)